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BECKLEY'S WINNING SPEECH.

Home Rule Leader Holds Down Speakership.

Honolulu, Feb. 19.—Yesterday when we convened I had the honor of your confidence in being elected Speaker of this House. Within the last twenty-four hours matters have changed. A few minutes previous to our coming together this morning I was approached by a committee from the Central Committee of the opposition party, who asked me to resign the Speakership in the interest of party harmony so far as the Republican party is concerned.

"In the interest of the people I was made Speaker of this House and, in the words of the National Committee-man, I will 'stand pat by the people and the laws of the country.'"

"I advise you to let well enough alone."

"No matter in this House can be made legal without my signature."

"According to parliamentary law I will entertain no resolution or motion to oust me from my seat."

So spoke Speaker Fred W. Beckley at the second day's session of the House of Representatives this forenoon after the usual preliminaries such as calling the roll and reading the minutes had been attended to.

Simultaneous with the storm that suddenly sprung up this morning out of the atmosphere above, there was in the House of Representatives the beginning of a storm which promises grave results if some basis of settlement is not arrived at very soon.

On account of action of the Republicans in caucus last night, there was suppressed excitement in every quarter down town this morning. It seemed to be the general impression that there would be a stormy scene in the House on account of the proposition of last night which had for its object the ousting of Fred W. Beckley from the Speakership of the House and the placing in the chair of Jonah Kumalae of the Republican side.

It was a little after 10 o'clock when Speaker Beckley went in at the mauka door and quietly took his seat. He rapped with his gavel, calling the House to order, and then ordered the clerk to call the roll. This being done, he next asked the clerk to read the minutes of the previous day's proceedings. This was done, W. J. Coelho interpreted them into Hawaiian and then the chair arose to make the speech given above which sounds a war cry and indicates a stormy session.

It is hoped that this afternoon everything will be straightened out and that the spirit of harmony which prevailed at the caucus of the Republicans last night, will be shown again this afternoon. Caucuses were held in the Republican headquarters this forenoon after the adjournment of the House and there was shown a feeling that something to straighten out the difficulty should be done at once. This was the consensus of opinion. Just what the action will be cannot be foretold as the Republicans have been busy reading over the rules of the House at the last session, to learn just how they can act in the premises.

The opinion gleaned on the streets from laymen were to the effect that Beckley should be allowed to keep his seat, while several attorneys express the opinion that Mr. Beckley could be removed.

Naturally, the situation is the talk of the town and there is a great difference of opinion, although the Republicans incline to the idea that the work of the people can best be done by proceeding immediately to business and doing all in their power to prevent any further trouble.

The differences in the Republican ranks have been wiped out and the only thing being considered now is the best way to proceed. Central Committee, Senators and Representatives, were all together in an informal caucus this forenoon and opinions were freely discussed without the least show of anything outside of the welfare of the people at large.

When the proposition was made to Mr. Beckley this morning, it is

understood that he took it all very quietly and said he did not believe he could think of vacating the seat, and when he made his declaration in the House there was no attempt made to introduce a resolution in any way affecting the chair.

Mr. Beckley in finishing his speech, announced that the next thing on the program was the choice of a vice-Speaker and Mr. Chillingworth, knowing that the situation was one that should be carefully pondered before acting on any motion whatever, moved that the House take a recess until 2 o'clock, his intention being to give the members time to talk over the situation quietly and decide on the best course to follow. He was seconded by Mr. Andrade and the motion carried, the Republicans voting in a solid mass in the affirmative and ten hands showing the mind of the Home Rule forces on the question.

For a session fraught with such danger of a sudden outburst of some kind that might disturb the dignified demeanor of the House, the situation was certainly one to be wondered at. There was not a single display of warmth and even the speech of Mr. Beckley was devoid of any show of anger whatever. For this, he gained the admiration of the Republican forces and the people in the room. He was perfectly calm but maintained the stand he took with an undercurrent of determination.

Under the circumstances, Mr. Chillingworth did the right thing in the right place in moving for a recess until 2 o'clock for by this means time was given to all those concerned for calm and cool deliberation.

Greedy Animals.

It may be doubted whether those of us who are able to obtain sufficient food without difficulty can appreciate the craving for sustenance experienced by sea birds and other animals, which have often, by the force of circumstances, to fast for long periods. Gulls will eat until they cannot fly, and when they find pilchards on board a boat will continue their feast until they can only lie down and gasp. A superfluity of food comes at such long intervals that when it does come the avian intellect reels at the prospect, and what seems a horn of plenty brings dire disaster. Seeing that gulls and gannets know no better, we are not surprised to hear of a John Dory, stuffed to the very mouth, floating helplessly on the surface of the water, unable to escape from a flock of sea birds which have deprived it of its eyesight and will quickly take away its life.

A snake which thrusts its head through the palings to seize an unwary frog, and finds itself unable to draw back again with the frog in its throat, has wit enough to disgorge the amphibian and to deftly draw it through by the leg so as to swallow it on the safe side of the palings; but probably a snake which happened to be on the wrong side in company with a frog would consume it on the premises and so render itself incapable of wriggling through the bars.—Longman's Magazine.

Castro's Blockade Scorned.

London, England, Feb. 19.—The British warships stationed in Venezuelan waters to protect British shipping interests have refused to recognize President Castro's declaration of a blockade of Venezuelan ports. Castro is endeavoring to prevent the shipment of supplies to rebel forces.

How to Stop a Cough.

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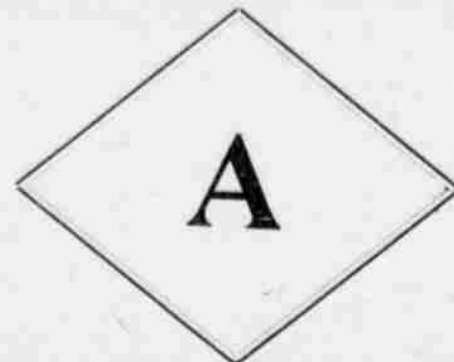
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